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13 JULY 1979

FOLLOWING FOR R A R BARLTROP, HEAD OF COMMONWEALTH CO-ORDINATION DEPARTMENT.

1. Cc. to:

Mr. Castledge, No. 10/  
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Prime Minister

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1. ON 13 JULY PRESIDENT KAUNDA TOOK THE RESIDENT COMMONWEALTH HIGH COMMISSIONERS AND MANY OF HIS SENIOR COLLEAGUES AND OFFICERS ON A CONDUCTED TOUR OF MULUNGUSHI VILLAGE, MULUNGUSHI HALL AND THE WEEKEND FACILITIES BEING PROVIDED AT STATE HOUSE AND AFTERWARDS ENTERTAINED US TO LUNCH.

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2. THE VILLAGE REALLY HAS PROGRESSED AND IS NOW LOOKING RESPECTABLE. THE OUTER WALL IS COMPLETE, THE GATES ARE GUARDED BY THE PARA - MILITARY AND FURNITURE IS BEING PUT IN THE BUNGALOWS. I WAS NOT ABLE TO INSPECT MRS THATCHER'S BUNGALO. BUT WE WERE SHOWN ONE OF THE QUEEN'S BUNGALOWS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE ASIAN CHIEMQJRCHITECT AND THE COLOURED PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR WORKS, TOGETHER WITH THE ZAMBIAN MINISTER AND MANY OTHERS, HAVE WORKED WONDERS. HOWEVER, I MUST ADMIT THAT I REMAIN DOUBTFUL ABOUT THE CATERING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH I FEAR WILL BE VERY SLOW AND I AM SURE WE WERE RIGHT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO BE ABLE TO EAT ALL MEALS EXCEPT BREAKFAST ELSEWHERE.

3. A GREAT DEAL HAS BEEN DONE TO MULUNGUSHI HALL AS WELL. THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER AND I SUGGESTED (1) THAT THE ROOM FOR THE HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING NEEDED TO BE MADE MORE INTIMATE AND (2) THAT THE MICROPHONES WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDED SHOULD BE REMOVED, AS LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO MAKE SPEECHES FOR THE RECORD INSTEAD OF DISCUSSING PROBLEMS INFORMALLY AND GENUINELY. THE PRESIDENT I THINK HAS ACCEPTED THIS ADVICE.

4. AT STATE HOUSE WE SAW THE WORK IN HAND TO PROVIDE A MINIATURE GOLF COURSE TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING NINE-HOLE COURSE. THE TENNIS COURTS HAD BEEN RESURFACED AND THE SWIMMING POOL DONE UP. I BELIEVE RIDING IS ALSO TO BE AVAILABLE. THE ZAMBIAIS WILL PROBABLY ALSO OFFER TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION A WIDE RANGE OF OPTIONS FOR DAY OR OVERNIGHT VISITS TO GAME LODGES OR MINES.

5. THE PRESIDENT ASKED US TO INFORM OUR GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORK WHICH HAD BEEN DONE AND TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE WHICH HE ATTACHED TO THE COMMONWEALTH AS A FORCE FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN THE WORLD. CERTAINLY THE EVIDENCE WAS THAT VERY GREAT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE WHICH CONSIDERING THE DIFFICULTIES OF GETTING SUPPLIES INTO ZAMBIA REPRESENT A VERY CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT ON THE PART OF THOSE INVOLVED.

W L ALLINSON